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6nd/ rotating said workpiece 90°, [imaging] producing a rotated image of a pattern at one point at the outer circumference of said workpiece with said at least one of said two imaging means, and aligning said workpiece so that the [imaged current pattern] rotated image at said one point can match with said at least one reference pattern[s] of high magnification.

24. (Amended) The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of [imaging] producing images of reference patterns of the low magnification and the high magnification on said workpiece with the use of said two imaging means[, and previously registering] after having registered the [imaged] reference patterns of the low magnification and the high magnification.

A2 d/s. (Amended) The method as defined in claim 2, further comprising the steps of [imaging] producing images of reference patterns of the low magnification and the high magnification on said workpiece with the use of said two imaging means[, and previously registering] after having registered the [imaged] reference patterns of the low magnification and the high magnification.

REMARKS

In view of the indication that all of the elected claims were found to be allowable, every effort has been made to resolve the outstanding formal issues so that this application can be promptly approved for issuance of a patent.

In particular, the title has been amended to be descriptive of the invention. However, should the Examiner prefer another title, he is authorized to further amend the title by Examiner's Amendment.

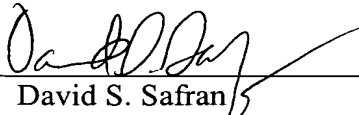
Furthermore, the "previously" term has been deleted and the language of the clauses found indefinite have been revised to eliminate awkward phraseology and insure proper antecedent basis for the terms used.

As a result of the actions taken, this application should now be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is requested. However, even though the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain

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unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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